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SUBJECT: US-TURKEY RELATIONS

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1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN NOVEMBER 2 FOR TOUR D'HORIZON FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM CONSULTATIONS IN ANKARA. ESENBEL RAISED STATUS OF PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION, PRESIDENT'S RECENT CYPRUS REPORT, CAGLAYANGIL'S STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 1 ON CYPRUS AND OTHER MATTERS. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVERSATION.

2. PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION (PD). IN RESPONSE TO ESENBEL'S QUESTION RE STATUS OF PD TO PERMIT SECOND PAY-
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MENT ON F-4'S, HARTMAN SAID PD HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO WHITE

HOUSE. ESENBEL SAID COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD RECENTLY RECONFIRMED GOT DECISION PURCHASE F-4'S UNDER FMS AND NOT CONSIDER SWITCHING TO COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS.

3. CYPRUS. ESENBEL REPEATED CONCERNS RE SENTENCE IN OCT 5 PRESIDENTIAL REPORT, "PRESENT DIVIDING LINES IN CYPRUS MUST BE ADJUSTED TO REDUCE THE AREA HELD BY THE

TURKISH SIDE", ALONG LINES ALREADY EXPRESSED BY TURKISH DCM NURES (REF A). ESENBEL OBJECTED TO WHAT HE PERCEIVED AS IMPLIED LINKAGE IN REPORT BETWEEN CYPRUS AND US SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. HARTMAN EMPHASIZED THAT SENTENCE IN PRESIDENT'S REPORT REPRESENTED REITERATION OF US POLICY PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED PUBLICLY IN SECRETARY'S SEPT 30 UNGA SPEECH.

4. HARTMAN TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO CALL AMBASSADOR'S ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT, NOTING THAT SITUATIONS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS LEFT IN NORTHERN CYPRUS WOULD APPEAR COVERED BY THESE PROVISIONS. ESENBEL AVERRED THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS IN NORTHERN CYPRUS WERE NOT BEING PRESSURED, BUT PROMISED RELAY TO ANKARA HARTMAN'S COMMENT.

5. ESENBEL NOTED THAT THERE WAS "UNDUE INTEREST IN TERRITORIAL ASPECT OF CYPRUS". HE LEFT COPY OF EXTRACTS FROM CAGLAYANGIL STATEMENT ON CYPRUS, PARTICULARLY CALLING ATTENTION TO GOT ESPOUSAL OF TURK CYPRIOT PROPOSAL FOR TEMPORARY JOINT GOVERNMENT.

6. ESENBEL ALSO MENTIONED TURK-CYPRIOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN UNGA PLENARY DEBATE ON CYPRUS, NOTED THAT ISLAMIC COUNTRIES HAVE PROMISED SUPPORT, AND WAS CRITICAL OF "INCONSISTENT" ATTITUDE OF UNGA PRESIDENT (USUN 4892).

7. DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT. ESENBEL SAID HE HAD ON TWO OCCASIONS DISCUSSED TURKISH-US DCA WITH DEMIREL WHILE IN ANKARA WHO EMPHASIZED NEED FOR SPEEDY PASSAGE BY US CONGRESS TO "PREVENT FURTHER DETERIORATION OF OUR RECONFIDENTIAL

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LATIONSHIP". DEMIREL SAID DCA WOULD BE QUICKLY RATIFIED BY TURKISH PARLIAMENT, ONCE APPROVED BY US CONGRESS, EVEN IF THAT SHOULD OCCUR DURING PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN TURKEY.

8. TURKISH DOMESTIC SCENE. ESENBEL THOUGHT GENERAL ELECTIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE HELD AS SCHEDULED NEXT OCTOBER AND NOT BE ADVANCED TO SPRING, DESPITE VIEWS OF SOME IN

JUSTICE PARTY WHO FEEL DEMIREL WOULD GAIN FROM EARLY ELECTIONS. ECEVIT AND ERBAKAN ARE OPPOSED TO EARLY ELECTIONS. INCREASED STRENGTH OF DEMIREL FOLLOWING JP CONGRESS WAS NOTED. ESENBEL EXPECTS ELECTORAL RESULT TO BE COALITION INCLUDING NSP. HE DOWNPLAYED RECENT STUDENT VIOLENCE AS "ARTIFICIALLY CREATED" AND STATED GOVERNMENT HAD MATTERS UNDER CONTROL.

9. AEGEAN. ESENBEL THOUGHT THERE WAS POSSIBILITY FOR

AGREEMENT IN PARIS AIR SPACE TALKS AND SEEMED SLIGHTLY HOPEFUL RE BERN TALKS ALSO. KISSINGER

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